



Awards Presented at Aviation Conference

Many Montana aviators were honored during the 1997 Montana Aviation Conference. A number of organizations presented annual awards to outstanding achievers for their dedication and contributions throughout the year.

The Montana Aeronautics Division presented the following awards:

Airport of the Year: Gardiner Airport

Educator of the Year: Chuck Manning, Kalispell, flight instructor

Mechanic of the Year: Stan Read, Hamilton

Bruce Ryerson of the Helena Flight Standards District of the FAA presented the:

Aviation Maintenance Technician Employer Program Diamond Certificate of Excellence:

Corporate Air, Billings

Neptune, Inc., Missoula

Leading Edge Planes & Propeller, Stevensville

Safety Program Counselor Award:

Mike Ferguson, Helena

In addition, the following **FAA Maintenance Technician Awards** were issued at the IA Refresher Training:

RUBY

Clifton Baier, Michael Cochran, Reed Lamb, Thomas Newman

BRONZE

Michael Barrett, Henry Butzel, Harold Houdek, James Keller, Daryl Maybee, Todd Mills, Larry Warner

SILVER

Justin Bennett, Joseph Degen, Carlos Faulkner, Harold Hamm, John Hanson, Howard Hash, Robert Jetter, James Johnson, Harvey Knebel, Joseph Kountz, Andres Lindborg, John Matchett, James McClanahan, William Ostermiller, Paul Otis, Samuel Richardson, Mike Rogan, Charles Rogers, Pete Sanders, Ray Sanders, Sandy Scheffler, David Shapiro, Pete Smith, Robert Smith, Clayton Wilhelm, Richard Wissenbach

The Montana Pilots Association presented its annual awards as follows:

Pilot of the Year: Willy Rimby, Lewistown

President's Award: Bailey Egan, Forsyth

Junior Pilot: Aaron Hansen, Glasgow

Spark Plug Award: Pat Lifo, Glendive

Bent Prop Award: Bruce Downs, Glendive

Hangar of the Year: Miles City

Several thousand dollars in scholarships were presented by various organizations and donors. The recipients were:

A Love of Aviation: Brandon France, Roundup

A Love of Aviation: Richard Todd Harp, Billings

Morrison Appreciation: April Christensen, Billings

James Damron Memorial: Jay Baum, Red Lodge

James Damron Memorial: Aaron Dux, Missoula

Parrott Family: Amy Woody, Rollins

Parrott Family: Matthew Prinkki, Roberts

Montana 99s: Kimberly Bess, Dillon

AOM Scholarship: Chet Wolery, Turner
Congratulations to all of the individuals and companies who were honored. Keep up the good work! And a big **thank you** to the many generous scholarship donors who support Montana youth in their aviation endeavors.

Aviation Safety Seminar

You are invited to participate in a Round Table Discussion with FAA Flight Standards, FAA Air Traffic Control and pilots from several major airlines concerning pilot operations at non-towered airports.

Everyone is invited to attend the seminar to be held on Wednesday, June 11, 1997, in the Montana Room at the Bozeman Holiday Inn, 7–9 pm. Free admission.

The seminar is being sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration, Aviation Safety Program and the Montana Aeronautics Division.

Administrator's Column

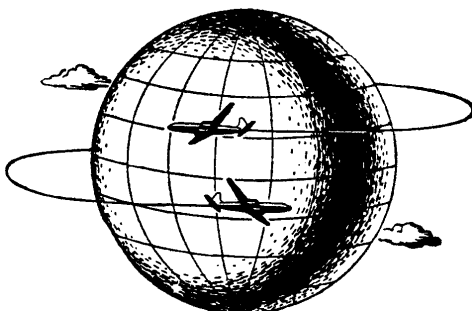
NCARC Appointments A Sham: The National Civil Aviation Review Commission (NCARC) was mandated by Congress to assess the financial needs of the FAA and to come up with funding recommendations to best meet these needs. Congress stipulated that thirteen appointments were to be made by the Department of Transportation administration and eight to be made by congressional leaders. Congress listed general aviation first among the industry segments to be represented on the Commission. However, not one single appointment was made to officially represent GA. Eight of the appointees are from the airline community and eight represent airports, including the head of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). The FAA (DOT) has, for as long as I can remember, touted the states are a full partner in the development and maintenance of the national airport and airways system. Even though the states are a major player, providing over \$50 million into the airport and airway system annually, they were also ignored. The National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) President Henry Ogrodzinski stated, "The states have been mugged by the federal government." Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA) President Phil Boyer questioned the appointment of so many airport people stating "while airports are the beneficiaries of aviation user taxes, they do not contribute a penny in user fees that fund the FAA or the FAA air traffic control system." Boyer stated, "With so many vested interests, how can this commission objectively evaluate public policy options that might adversely affect commission members specific interests, even their own employment?" General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) President Ed Bolen said, "It is unbelievable that the Department of Transportation chose to ignore such a large segment of the industry. It simply cannot be an oversight on the part of the administration." House Aviation Subcommittee

Chairman Rep. John Duncan (TN) told National Air Transportation Association (NATA) members, "You have every right to be upset about the makeup of the NCARC. General aviation really got short-changed." In a recent letter I wrote to our Montana Congressional Delegation I stated that the administration, in their obsession to privatize the ATC system and impose new user fees to totally fund the FAA, have "stacked the deck" to assure the results of the NCARC recommendations.

It is my opinion we should accept the fact that we are going to see a totally user fee funded FAA and a privatized ATC system. If you have any concern over this you should write or call Senator Baucus, Senator Burns, and Representative Hill.



Travel Agents Protest: The American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) representing over 28,000 travel agents worldwide has gone on record against the new flight restrictions at the Grand Canyon. ASTA supports continued reasonable air access to all US national parks and public lands and opposes the Department of Interior's new proposed rules restricting air tour overflights in the Grand Canyon. ASTA feels that the most practical way to view the Grand Canyon is by air, that air viewing is not harmful and, according to polls taken by the National Park Service, there is not any serious opposition by visitors.



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Baker Receives Stand Alone GPS Approach

On March 27, 1997, the Baker Airport received Montana's first Stand Alone GPS Approach. This approach is not an overlay of an existing instrument approach, but is solely dependent on satellite navigation for the approach. Hopefully, the other airports currently being worked on by the FAA for similar GPS approaches will be completed in a more timely manner. The community of Baker has been waiting a long time for this project to be completed and will now have the ability to ask a commuter airline to serve their city.



Aeronautics Looking for Old Beacon Lamps

We are looking for older style beacon lamps that might be lying around gathering dust on airport manager's shelves around the state. Airport lighting manufacturers have stopped producing the 500 watt incandescent lamps that are currently being used for lighting all of the old airway beacons in our system.

This particular lamp has a product number of 500 T20/13, is about 6" long, 2½" in diameter, and has two 1" long prongs on the base to fit into the lamp fixture. We would appreciate receiving all lamps, new or used in working condition.

Please contact Mike Rogan with the Aeronautics Division in Helena at 406/444-2506 for more information. ✈

Calendar

April 18—Montana Aeronautics Board Meeting, Helena.

April 25-26—USAF 50-Year Celebration, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV

April 26—Aviation Organization of Montana Meeting, Helena.

June 10-16—International Aviation Week, Cayman Caravan Fly-in. Call (800)346-3313 or (904)872-2495.

June 11—Pilot Operations at Non-towered Airports, 7pm, Holiday Inn, Bozeman.

June 15—Annual Father's Day Poorboy Sourdough Pancake Breakfast Fly-in, Beacon Star.

June 18-22—Montana Antique Aircraft Association Air Tour, call Roy Hollandsworth, (406)627-2466

June 28—Plains Fly-in Breakfast (8-11 am), Plains. Call Randy Garrison (406)826-3605.

June 28—Mogollon Airpark Fly-In/BBQ, Mogollon Airpark, Overgaard, AZ. BBQ from 10 am-2 pm. Contact Michael Campbell, 12197 E. Sahuaro Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85289, (602)661-7586, e-mail telmike@futureone.com

June 29-July 3—Flying Dentists National Meeting, Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish.

July 12—Hamilton Airport Open House and Pancake Breakfast. Contact Warren Woolley (406)363-0874.

July 12—North Central Hangar Fly-in Breakfast and Toy Show, Havre.

July 12-13—Missoula Air Show, fly-ins welcome; display aircraft free; call Paul Klawitter (406)728-4381.

July 25-27—Northwest Mountain Family Fly-in and Aviation Safety Convention, Driggs, ID.

July 30-August 5—45th Annual EAA Fly-in Convention, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

August 7-10—MAAA Annual Fly-in, Three Forks Airport/Progreba Field.

August 13-16—Sky Trail International Northwest Aviation Council Conference, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

August 30-September 1—Annual Labor Day Fly-in, West Yellowstone.

September 10-11—Western International Search and Rescue Advisory Committee (WISARAC) Annual Meeting, Kalispell.

September 12-14—Mountain Search Pilot Clinic, Kalispell.

September 13—Aerotonics Annual Open House, Billings. ✈

"Top Gun" Flight Camp

Grades 6-11: This camp will provide campers with an exciting and challenging introduction to the world of aviation. It is designed for students who are interested in learning how to fly and about aviation in general. By the end of camp, students will have flown three lessons with certified flight instructors in a Cessna trainer aircraft provided by Lynch Flying Service; flown two training sessions in Rocky's state-of-the-art flight simulator; conducted experiments and solved problems in a classroom setting; talked with guest speakers and taken numerous aviation related field trips. Enrollment is limited!

Instructor: Erik Anderson, M.A.

Course Number: (5733.741)

Dates: June 23-27

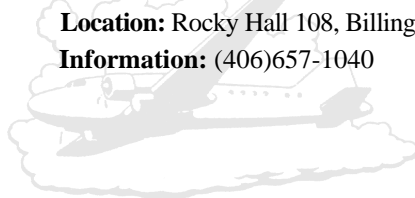
Times: 8:30 am-4 pm, daily

Fee: \$440 (includes lunches, flights, simulator time and supplies)

Resident Option: \$540 (includes Monday breakfast through Friday lunch, lodging, and evening supervision)

Location: Rocky Hall 108, Billings, MT

Information: (406)657-1040



More Aviation Conference



Denney Bridges



Larry Andriesen



Vernon Rodgers



Bill Cardin

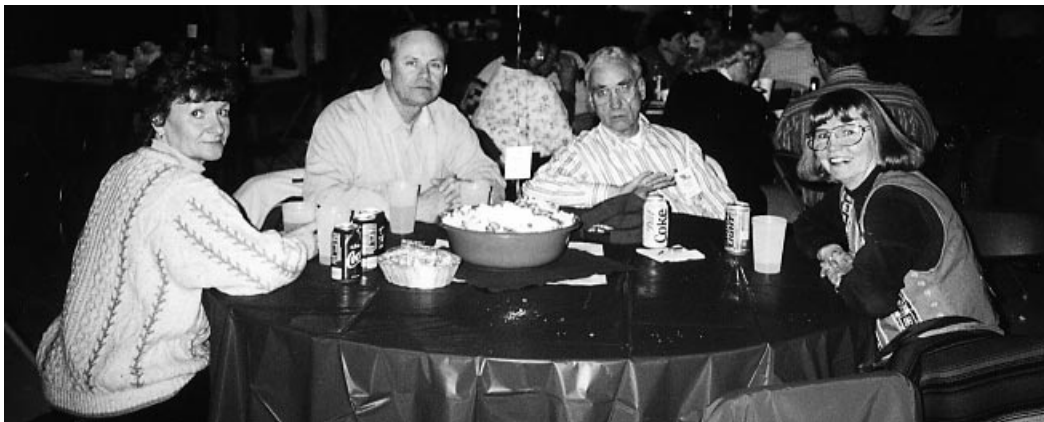


Doug Warrick

Many aviation professionals from around the country conducted concurrent sessions during the conference. Some of this year's presenters were: Denney Bridges, United States Forest Service; Larry Andriesen, Regional Administrator, FAA; Bill Cardin, Great Falls Flight Service Station; Doug Warrick, University of Montana; and Vernon Rodgers, Airborne Pneumatic Systems. Thanks to these and the many others who presented programs at the conference.



The Friday night hangar dance at the facilities of Neptune, Inc. at the Missoula Airport was a delight. More than 200 folks enjoyed the music provided by Top Jimmy of Missoula. Karen and Ken Wendland and Denny and Loretta Lynch take a refreshment break.





The Montana Aeronautics Board conducted a question and answer session. Board Chairman Ron Mercer addresses the attendees. Other board members pictured from left to right are: JoAnn Eisenzimer, Cascade; Lee Ford, Missoula; Doug Freeman, Hardin; Chairman Ron Mercer, Helena; Byron Bayers, Twin Bridges; Fred Booth, Fort Benton; and Will Metz, Laurel.



Dr. Peggy Baty, President and Founder of Women in Aviation, International was the keynote speaker at the awards luncheon on Saturday. Dr. Baty spoke of aviation ambitions for young girls and women and of her newly incorporated organization founded for Women in Aviation.



Harold and Zola Hamm and Chuck Foster enjoy visiting and catching up on time past. Harold and Zola hail from Helena and Lake Havasu, AZ. Chuck is a past regional administrator for the FAA Northwest Mountain Region.



The banquet is the final event of the conference each year. Friends gather to wrap-up their three days, say good-bye until next year and listen to an interesting closing speaker.



Ron Bower, the only person to fly a helicopter around the world, setting official records in both easterly and westerly directions, presented his program and the banquet Saturday evening. Ron's slide presentation was very interesting and touching—depicting his trips around the world.

Pilot Record Sharing Requirement

By: Rick Jansma
Lynch Flying Service



The pilot record sharing requirement is now in effect as of February 7, 1997, for FAR 135 operators. This is not an FAA regulation, it is a federal law that you must comply with before your company utilizes a pilot under FAR 135. The companies that have been trying to get this information have been experiencing delays of around 60 to 90 days before the information is obtained. So when a pilot notifies you he is leaving in two weeks, it may be 2 to 3 weeks or a month before you can put a new pilot in revenue service.

The following is a summary of the requirements.

Summary of Pilot Improvement Act

The Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996, 49 U.S.C. 44936(f) provides:

- That before hiring an applicant as a pilot, carriers must **request and receive records** from any carrier, company, organization or person who has employed the applicant during the past five years. 49 U.S.C. 44936(f)(1)(B).
- These records covered by the Act include:
 1. Federal Aviation Administration mandated alcohol and drug testing program results.
 2. Training, qualification, proficiency or professional competency of the pilot, including evaluations made by a check airman.
 3. Any disciplinary action that was not subsequently overturned.
 4. Any release from employment or resignation, termination or disqualification with respect to employment. 49 U.S.C. 44936(f)(1).
- Before releasing the requested records, the carrier, company, organization and/or person of whom they were requested must obtain the written consent of the pilot and, if requested by the pilot, provide the pilot with a copy of such records. 49 U.S.C. 44936(f)(2).
- Carriers, companies, organizations and/or persons who have employed the applicant during the preceding five years must furnish a copy of all such requested records to the requesting airline not later than **30 days after receiving the request**. 49 U.S.C. 44936(f)(5).
- The carrier, company, organization and/or person providing the records is immunized from federal, state or local lawsuits brought by the pilot whose records are requested **unless** the information provided was known to be false by the person providing it and was maintained in violation of a criminal statute of the United States. 49 U.S.C. 44936(g).

For more information, order the NATA's Pilot Record Sharing Manual or contact Jacque Guennewig at NATA (800)808-NATA.

Next up—the FAA has sent an advanced notice of a proposed rule for making domestic passenger manifest. Just think.... asking our passengers before a flight for all of his or her personal information just in case we crash! ✈️

Montana Aircraft SAR Report

On March 23 at 2100 MST, Great Falls Flight Service called Redge Meierhenry, Montana Aeronautics on-duty SAR person, to report an overdue aircraft. A Cessna 210 departed BZN at 1217 MST on March 23 on a VFR flight plan to Yuma, AZ. Jeanne Lesnik was called at 2126 MST. There was no ELT at this time and no radio contacts except to open the flight plan at 1217 MST. Airport checks were being conducted along the route of flight (five states), NTAP (radar reading) was requested from SLC and weather was requested. Plans for route SAR at first light.

At 2230 MST Langley AFRCC called with a single ELT hit near Stevensville and a single hit near Wisdom at 2300MST both hits turned negative.

At 0230 MST on March 24, AFRCC reported the aircraft had been found on the ramp at Idaho Falls by the sheriff. At 0345 MST AFRCC called to say the aircraft had been misidentified. At 0405 the ELT at Stevensville was active again and volunteers were put on the ELT.

0600 MST at Montana Aeronautics, SAR coordination being worked out of Helena. Hamilton and Stevensville (District #14) working the ELT hit that is moving (6 aircraft). Bozeman (District #11) covering all possible flight routes (4 aircraft)/ Helena (District #12) Montana Aeronautics SAR aircraft out on route search. NTAP being requested for a third time.

The NTAP information came in at 1954 MST on March 24, the NTAP specialists at Salt Lake worked hard and long at this NTAP, the aircraft Cessna 210 did not have the transponder on altitude. The NTAP information plotted out to be in District #13 in grid #498, south of Dillon. Two Montana District 13 volunteer aircraft launched at first light on March 25 to grid-search grids 498 and 530, the downed aircraft was spotted in grid 530 at 0715 MST, March 25, approximately 12 south of the last NTAP data. The Beaverhead County Sheriff was notified. The four occupants of the Cessna 210 died on impact.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in this search. Two points I might bring out: 1. An ELT signal greatly distracts from the search, even though this signal was not on the intended route of the Cessna 210, we could not discount it and valuable assets were used. 2. When filing a flight plan for a long trip, please consider filing to your fuel destinations, a search would be activated much quicker. —Jeanne Lesnik, SAR Coordinator

Aviation Conference Education Day

Thirty Montana teachers attended the three-day workshop. Bill Shea past-president, World Aerospace Education Organization, was the keynote speaker opening with aviation's past, current and future. JoAnn Eisenzimer and Lt. Col. Ken Lamkin led the elementary teachers and Jerry Hok introduced *Aviation as a Guest in the Class Room* for the high school teachers. Saturday the weather cooperated and teachers were given orientation flights. Feedback was good, with teachers enjoying being a part of the Montana Aviation community for three days. Ideas are pouring in for aviation curriculums and summer aviation camps!



Barry Valentine, Acting FAA Administrator, Jeanne Lesnik (dressed as pioneer pilot, Harriet Quimby, the first woman to receive her pilot's license in the United States in the year 1911) and Bill Shea welcome teachers to the "Challenge Education with Aviation," the teacher's workshop held in conjunction with the Montana Aviation Conference.



Two third grade classes from Hellgate Public School were treated to the Air Bear Program. The program was presented by the Montana 99s and other volunteers. These students were designated air traffic controllers—all students had a hand at role playing an important aviation career.



Sixteen aviation career professionals participated in the education program for high school students. Close to 50 students from Kalispell, Missoula and the Civil Air Patrol were given insight into the day to day functions of these careers. Pictured above are the airport/airline career panelists: Kelly Smith, operations manager at Missoula International Airport; Jeff Wenckus, supervisor for Delta Airlines, Missoula International Airport; Kathy Saucier, flight attendant, Northwest Airlines; and Chris Saucier, pilot, Northwest Airlines.

Yellowstone Airport Prepares for Season

By: Redge Meierhenry
Airport/Airways Bureau

The Yellowstone airport will officially open June 1 with the SkyWest Airlines providing airline service to Salt Lake City. Avis and Budget Rent-A-Car agencies are in operation with a large inventory of cars for your use to visit Yellowstone National Park, the Grizzly Discovery Center, IMAX and other attractions.

Yellowstone Aviation (FBO) provides fuel, tie downs, etc. for your aircraft. Our airport can handle anything from a single seat homebuilt to a C5A military transport. We're sure you'll fit in somewhere.

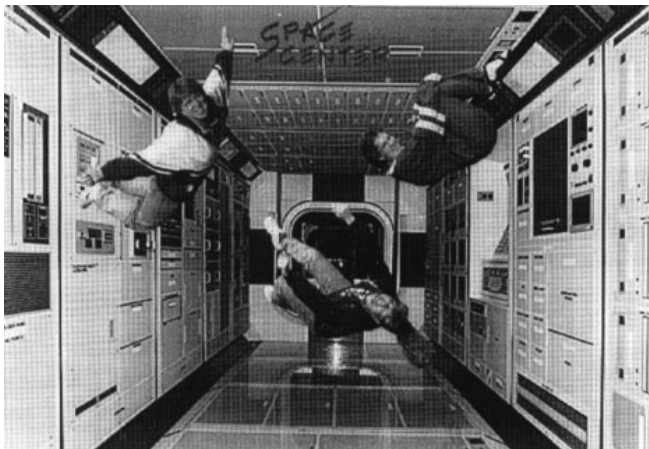
Doris' Cantina in the Terminal Building serves beer and wine with their meals so be sure to stop in when visiting the airport. The cafe serves excellent Mexican dishes.

Available next to the ramp is our free pilot campground featuring running water, fireplaces, picnic tables and believe it or not, a hot shower facility. Free firewood is provided for campfires.

Our annual Labor Day Fly-in is scheduled for the Labor Day weekend, August 30 to September 1, 1997. A density altitude clinic and pilot safety seminars, with FAA and Aeronautics instructors will be part of the program. Tours through the Interagency Fire Control Center are planned, along with other activities and special meals. Please call us in Helena at (406) 444-2506 about the fly-in or call the airport (406) 646-7631 about airport facilities, camping, motels, etc. See you at the airport!

Other phone numbers that may help:
SkyWest Airlines 646-7351
Yellowstone Aviation 646-7359
Budget Rent-A-Car 646-7735
Avis Rent-A-Car 646-7635
Doris' Cantina 646-9533. ✈️

Teachers Weightless in Houston



Kaye Ebelt, DeAnn Moody and Karen Flint, teachers from Missoula, attended the 30th National Congress on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE) in Houston, Texas, and experienced weightlessness at NASA's Houston Space Center.

Surplus Vehicles Available To General Aviation Airports

The Montana Aeronautics Division will have the following vehicles available to any interested city/county airport for use as a maintenance vehicle or airport limo.

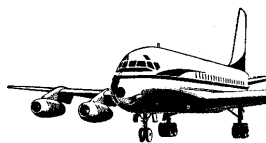
All vehicles are in running condition and have many years of useful service left in them. These vehicles will be sold at a very low price of **\$500.00** each.

1964 Chevy 3/4 ton pickup with flat bed long wheelbase.

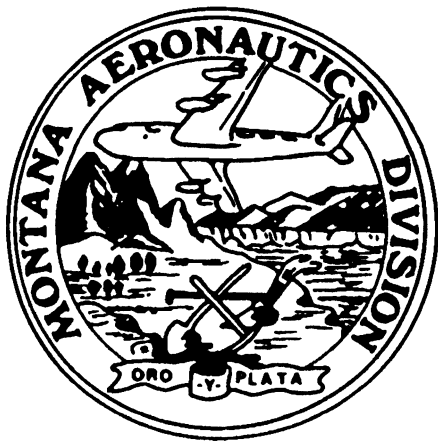
1973 Chevy Chevelle four door sedan.

1975 Jeep 4x4 pickup fleetside box long wheelbase.

If you are interested in purchasing any or all of the above vehicles, please contact Mike Rogan at 444-2506. Mike will work out all the details and answer any questions you may have about these vehicles.



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